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In low *simplicity*,
He lends out money *gratis*, and brings down
The rate of usance. *Shakespeare.*
Marquis Dorset, a man for his harmless *simplicity*, neither
mistaken nor much regarded, was created Duke.
Suspicion sleeps
At wisdom's gate, and to *simplicity*
Refuses her charge. *Milton.*
Of manners gentle, of affections mild;
In wit a man, *simplicity* a child. *Pope.*
Beauty is their own,
The feeling heart, *simplicity* of life,
And elegance and taste. *Thomson's Summer.*
The native elegance and *simplicity* of her manners, were ac-
companied with real benevolence of heart. *Female Quixote.*
2. Plainness; not subtilty; not abstruseness.
They keep the reverend *simplicity* of ancient times. *Hooker.*
Those enter into farther speculations herein, which is the
itch of curiosity, and content not themselves with the *sim-*
plicity of that doctrine, within which this church hath con-
tained herself. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*
3. Plainness; not finery.
They represent our poet, when he left Mantua for Rome,
dressed in his best habit, too fine for the place whence he came,
and yet retaining part of its *simplicity*. *Dryden.*
4. Singleness; not composition; state of being uncompounded.
Mandrakes afford a papaverous and unpleasant odour in the
leaf or apple, as is discoverable in their *simplicity* and mixture.
Brown's Vulg. Errors.
We are led to conceive that great machine of the world, to
have been once in a state of greater *simplicity* than now it is, as
to conceive a watch once in its first and simple materials. *Burnet.*
5. Weakness; silliness.
Many that know what they should do, would nevertheless
dissemble it, and to excuse themselves, pretend ignorance and
simplicity, which now they cannot. *Hooker.*
How long ye simple ones will ye love *simplicity*? and fools
hate knowledge? *Prov. i. 22.*
SIMPLIST. *n. f.* [from *simple*.] One skilled in simples.
A plant so unlike a rose, it hath been mistaken by some good
simplicists for amomum. *Brown's Vulg. Errors.*
SIMPLY. *adv.* [from *simple*.]
1. Without art; without subtilty; plainly; artlessly.
Accomplishing great things by things deem'd weak;
Subverting worldly strong and worldly wife,
By *simply* meek. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
2. Of itself; without addition.
This question about the changing of laws concerneth only
such laws as are positive, and do make that now good or evil,
by being commanded or forbidden, which otherwise of itself
were not *simply* the one or the other. *Hooker.*
3. Merely; solely.
Under man, no creature in the world is capable of felicity
and bliss; because their chiefest perfection consisteth in that
which is best for them, but not in that which is *simply* best, as
ours doth. *Hooker.*
I will eat and drink, and sleep as soft
As captain shall; *simply* the thing I am
Shall make me live. *Shakespeare.*
To say, or to do ought with memory and imitation, no pur-
pose or respect should sooner move us, than *simply* the love of
God and of mankind. *Milton.*
4. Foolishly; sillily.
SIMULACR. *n. f.* [from *simulus*, Latin.] One that counterfeits.
Hide thee, thou bloody hand,
Thou perjuror, thou *simular* of virtue,
That art incestuous. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
SIMULATION. *n. f.* [from *simulatio*, French; *simulatio* from *simulus*,
Latin.] That part of hypocrisy which pretends that to be
which is not.
Simulation is a vice rising of a natural falseness, or fear-
fulness; or of a mind that hath some main faults; which
because a man must needs disguise, it maketh him practise
simulation. *Bacon.*
For the unquestionable virtues of her person and mind,
he well expressed his love in an act and time of no *simula-*
tion towards his end, bequeathing her all his mansion-houses,
and a power to dispose of his whole personal estate. *Watson.*
For distinction sake, a deceiving by word is commonly
called a lie, and deceiving by actions, gestures, or behavi-
our, is called *simulation* or hypocrisy. *South's Sermons.*
SIMULTANEOUS. *adj.* [from *simultaneus*, Latin.] Acting toge-
ther; existing at the same time.
If the parts may all change places at the same time, with-
out any respect of priority or posteriority to each other's
motion, why may not bullets, closely crowded in a box,
move by a like mutual and *simultaneous* exchange? *Glanville.*
SIN. *n. f.* [from *syn*, Saxon.]
1. An act against the laws of God; a violation of the laws of
religion.
How hast thou the heart,
Being a divine, a ghostly confessor,
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A *sin* absolver, and my friend profess,
To manle me with that word banishment. *Shakespeare.*
But those that sleep, and think not on their *sin*,
Pinch them. *Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.*
Thou knowest, Lord, that I am pure from all *sin* with
man. *Tob. iii. 14.*
2. Habitual negligence of religion.
Sin, death, and hell, have set their marks upon him,
And all their ministers attend on him. *Shakespeare.*
Dishonest shame
Of nature's works: honour dishonourable!
Sin-bred! how have ye troubled all mankind?
Is there no means, but that a *sin*-sick laud
Should be let blood with such a boisterous hand? *Milton.*
Vice or virtue chiefly imply the relation of our actions to
men in this world: *sin* and holiness rather imply their relation
to God and the other world. *Watson's Logic.*
Light from her thought, as summer's careless robe,
Fell each affection of this *sin*-worn globe. *Brooke.*
3. It is used by *Shakespeare* emphatically for a man enormously
wicked.
Thy ambition,
Thou scarlet *sin*, rob'd this bewailing land
Of noble Buckingham. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
TO SIN. *v. n.* [from the noun.]
1. To neglect the laws of religion; to violate the laws of reli-
gion.
Stand in awe and *sin* not. *Psalms ix. 4.*
Many also have perished, err'd, and *sin*'d for women. *Esdr.*
He shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that *sin* not
unto death. *1 John v. 16.*
2. To offend against right.
I am a man,
More *sin*'d against than *sinning*. *Shakespeare.*
And who but wishes to invert the laws
Of order, *sin* against th' eternal cause. *Pope's Essay on Man.*
SINWORM. *n. f.* [from *sin* and *worm*.] A vile sinful creature.
I would not foil these pure ambrosial weeds,
With the rank vapours of the *sin*-worm mould. *Milton.*
SINCE. *adv.* [formed by contraction from *sithence*, or *sub*
thence, from *sith*, Saxon.]
1. Because that.
Since the clearest discoveries we have of other spirits, be-
sides God and our own souls, are imparted by revelation,
the information of them should be taken from thence. *Lact.*
Since truth and constancy are vain,
Since neither love, nor sense of pain,
Nor force of reason can persuade,
Then let example be obey'd. *Glanville.*
2. From the time that.
Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever *since*
I was thine unto this day? *Numb. xxii. 30.*
He is the most improved mind *since* you saw him, that ever
was, without shifting into a new body. *Pope.*
3. Ago; before this.
About two years *since*, it so fell out, that he was brought
to a great lady's house. *Sidney.*
Spies held me in chase, that I was forc'd to wheel
Three or four miles about; else had I, fir,
Half an hour *since*, brought my report. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
A law was made no longer *since* than the twenty eighth of
Henry the eighth. *Darwin's Hist. of Ireland.*
How many ages *since* has Virgil writ?
SINCE. *preposition.* After; reckoning from some time past to the
time present.
He *since* the morning hour set out from heav'n. *Milton.*
If such a man arise, I have a model by which he may build a
nobler poem than any extant *since* the ancients. *Dryden.*
SINCERE. *adj.* [from *sincerus*, Latin; *sincer*, French.]
1. Unhurt; uninjured.
He try'd a tough well chosen spear;
Th' inviolable body flood *sincere*. *Dryden.*
2. Pure; unmingled.
Pardon my tears, 'tis joy which bids them flow:
A joy which never was *sincere* till now;
That which my conquest gave, I could not prize,
Or 'twas imperfect till I saw your eyes. *Dryden.*
The pleasures of sense best taste *sincere* and pure always,
without mixture or alloy, without being distracted in the pur-
suit, or disquieted in the use of them. *Acutebary.*
Animal substances differ from vegetables, in that being re-
duced to ashes, they are perfectly unimpid, and in that there
is no *sincere* acid in any animal juice. *Arbutnot on Animals.*
3. Honest; undissembling; uncorrupt.
This top proud fellow,
Whom from the flow of gall I name not, but
From *sincere* motions by intelligence
I do know to be corrupt. *Shakespeare's Hen. VIII.*
Nor troubled at these tidings from the earth,
Which your *sincere* care could not prevent;
Foretold so lately what would come to pass,
When first this temper cross'd the gulf from hell. *Milton.*

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In English I would have all Gallicisms avoided, that our
tongue may be *sincere*, and that we may keep to our own lan-
guage. *Felton on the Classics.*
SINCERELY. *adv.* [from *sincere*.] Honestly; without hypocrisy;
with purity of heart.
The purer and perfecter our religion is, the worthier effects
it hath in them who stedfastly and *sincerely* embrace it. *Hooker.*
That you may, fair lady,
Perceive I speak *sincerely*, the king's majesty
Does purpose honour to you. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
In your whole reasoning, keep your mind *sincerely* intent in
the pursuit of truth. *Watson's Logic.*
SINCERENESS. *n. f.* [from *sinceritas*, French; from *sincere*.]
SINCERITY. *n. f.* [from *sinceritas*, French; from *sincere*.]
1. Honesty of intention; purity of mind.
Jesus Christ has purchased for us terms of reconciliation,
who will accept of *sincerity* instead of perfection; but then this
sincerity implies our honest endeavours to do our utmost. *Rogers.*
2. Freedom from hypocrisy.
In thy comfort cease to fear a foe;
For thee the feels *sincerity* of woe. *Pope's Odyssey.*
SIN. *n. f.* [Latin.] A fold; a wrapper.
There were found a book and a letter, both written in fine
parchment, and wrapped in *sindons* of linen. *Bacon.*
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